

1931, ch. 432, sec. 154D. 1933 (Special Sess.), ch. 77, sec. 154D.

156. A lessee is privileged to cultivate or remove oysters so planted on his leased area in any manner that he deems proper provided he has complied with the law providing for the licensing of boats or tongers in removing them for market or transplanting.

All the rights of a lessee provided for in Section 120 of this Article shall apply to a lessee holding ground under this sub-title with the further right to exclude all persons from crabbing, fishing with nets or clamming upon his leased area.

If any part of the rent reserved under such leases shall remain unpaid sixty days after same becomes due, such lease or leases may be, at the option of the Conservation Department, declared void. In that event the land shall revert to the State and may be leased again in accordance with the provisions of this sub-title.

An. Code, 1924, sec. 155. 1912, sec. 131. 1908, ch. 228.

157. The board of public works shall be and is hereby authorized and required to rent or hire a suitable boat to assist in guarding the tonging bottoms of Somerset County located at or near the mouth of the Wicomico river, or adjacent thereto, and in enforcing the laws pertaining thereto, at a cost not to exceed thirty dollars per month for the hiring of said boat, and to appoint a suitable person to command said boat at a salary of fifty dollars per month, from the first day of September to the 30th day of April following, of each and every successive oyster season; and the commander of said boat shall be authorized to select such number of seamen to serve on said boat as the board of public works shall authorize, not to exceed two in number, at salaries of thirty dollars each per month, during the period of his or their service on said boat; provided, however, that the owner of such boat so hired shall keep the same in good order and repair.¹

Advisory Committee on Oysters.

1927, ch. 369.

158. There shall be a committee of three persons to be known as the Advisory Committee on Oysters, who shall be men of practical knowledge and experience, engaged in the oyster business. One member of said Committee shall be a resident of each of the three Districts into which the Tidewater Counties shall be divided, as hereinafter prescribed. Said Counties shall be divided into three zones to be known as Districts, as follows: District No. 1, consisting of Kent, Queen Anne's and Talbot Counties; District No. 2, consisting of Dorchester, Wicomico and Somerset Counties; District No. 3, consisting of St. Mary's, Calvert, Anne Arundel and Charles Counties. The members of the Advisory Committee shall be appointed by the Governor and shall serve for four years from June 1, 1927, and until their successors are appointed and qualified, at such salary as the Governor may fix, the said salary to be paid out of the Conservation Fund until such time as the Governor shall provide for same in the Budget. Vacancies in said Committee shall be filled by the Governor in the same manner as the original appointments.

¹ This section repealed by Ch. 353, 1939. But as Act is subject to referendum vote at the November election, 1940, this section will not be repealed unless a majority of the voters voting thereon are in favor of said Act. If said Act is approved, this section will be repealed as of Dec. 5, 1940.